

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF[261]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 15.104 and 15.106, the Iowa Department of Economic Development hereby amends Chapter 68, “High Quality Job Creation (HQJC) Program,” Chapter 174, “Wage, Benefit, and Investment Requirements,” and Chapter 175, “Application Review and Approval Procedures,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments update the rules that govern requests for wage waivers under the HQJC program, the IVF (2005) funding source, and the CEBA program. The amendments allow an applicant, under certain limited conditions, to request that the Iowa Economic Development Board waive wage and nonstatutory CEBA program requirements for businesses that have sustained substantial physical damage as a result of a natural disaster in a presidentially declared disaster area. The amendments update the HQJC program rules by rescinding references to the Board’s ability to waive other eligibility requirements because the statutory section that authorized the waiver of other eligibility requirements, Iowa Code section 15.337, has been repealed.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on November 5, 2008, as **ARC 7315B**. In addition, these amendments were simultaneously Adopted and Filed Emergency, effective October 16, 2008, as **ARC 7316B**.

The Department held a public hearing on Thursday, December 4, 2008, to receive comments on the amendments. There were no comments received. The final amendments are identical to those published under Notice and Adopted and Filed Emergency.

The Iowa Economic Development Board adopted these amendments on January 15, 2009.

These amendments will become effective on March 18, 2009, at which time the Adopted and Filed Emergency amendments are hereby rescinded.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 15, 15E and 15G.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [68.2(6), 68.4(7)“a”(1), 174.4, 175.4] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 7315B** and Adopted and Filed Emergency as **ARC 7316B**, IAB 11/5/08.

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